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## ARSON MENACE JAILED

This is the moment serial arsonist Benny Dighton casually walked out of B&Q in Maidstone after trying to start a fire. The 28-year-old, from Chatham, had sprayed the store's wood aisle with methylated spirits before attempting to set it ablaze.

It was during the noon rush of the bank holiday on Monday, May 3, this year. Just two days before, Dighton had destroyed the Homebase Store in Aylesford and set fire to B&Q in Larkfield.

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BY SIMON ROBINSON

TORY councillor David Craggs has resigned – just 13 days after winning the River ward by-election.

The Gad's Hill headteacher stepped down from his Medway Council post after learning he would have to give up his special constable role, held for 17 years, to stay in office.

Mr Craggs issued an apology, saying he was frustrated by the situation and that it was "a pity" that he would have to resign. A second by-election will be held in the coming weeks.

Outraged Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors have called on Mr Craggs or the Rochester and Strood Conservative Association to pick up the cost of the by-election, saying it wasted taxpayers' money.

Cllr Geoff Juby (Lib Dem) said: "Morally, he and his party have defrauded the electorate. They have wasted thousands of pounds of public money and wasted many people's time."

"I demand that Mr Craggs and his backers pay the cost of the by-election and the expenses incurred by other candidates."

River ward Lib Dem candidate Garry Harrison said: "I was a serious candidate who wants to work for the people, unlike the Conservative who took one look and ran."

"I warned during the election that the Tories were wasting money, but I'm amazed at how crassly they have behaved. They might as well have pulped people's council tax."

Lib Dem agent Sue Hannant said: "I'm considering sending our invoices for the by-election to Rochester and Strood Conservatives. I'm disgusted they have wasted public money."

Labour's Cllr Vince Maple also called for a

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# Driver wins fight against spy car fine for reversing

■ BY DAN COLOMBINI

A RESILIENT pensioner has come out on top in a long-running battle with the council after he was fined for simply reversing his car.

Michael Johns, 76 of High Street, Chatham, was photographed in May by one of the council's CCTV spy cars in Best Street, Chatham, as he moved to make way for another car and allow a pedestrian to cross.

Much to his dismay, he was later hit with a £70 fine for being parked in a street where restrictions were in force – despite only being stationary for 17 seconds.

Mr Johns, a veteran of the army cadets, was initially confused by the charge and was very close to paying up, believing he could not take on the might of the council in such matters.

He said: "I could not believe my eyes when I opened the letter, but after a while I was getting so nervous about it, I thought I should just pay the fine. It was only when I read Yourmedway and found out about what these CCTV cars get up to that I realised I may stand a chance with an appeal."

Following his decision to contest the fine, Mr Johns received another letter from the council in June, rejecting his appeal, citing the very same reasons for which they administered the fine in the first place.

After viewing the pictures taken by the CCTV car, he decided to take the council to a tribunal, spurred on by the fact that his reversing lights clearly show in the photos.

Mr Johns was then summoned to appear at a hearing at the Holiday Inn, Maidstone Road, Chatham on Thursday, August 19, where a decision would be made by an independent adjudicator. The council was also



**BACKWARD MOVE:** Michael Johns, right, says he was reversing his car when this picture was taken by the council's spy car

invited to attend, but didn't turn up.

After looking at the evidence and hearing Mr Johns' explanation, the hearing found in favour of the pensioner.

In a letter confirming the decision, adjudicator John Parker said: "This is yet another case where the council seeks to establish a contravention on the basis of CCTV footage, providing photographs covering an incredibly short timescale."

"I have no hesitation in finding that the appellant was not parked. It is quite obvious that he was engaged in reversing out of the way of the grey car seen in the photographs and a male pedestrian getting in his way."

The council maintains that Mr Johns still contravened parking restrictions in Best Street, but has accepted the adjudicator's decision.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Mr Johns received a penalty charge notice as his car was stopped and was obscuring the entire junction of the loading bay of the Post Office sorting office."

"Video footage shows this, and also shows him having to reverse to let a driver out before driving forward to



again obscure the entrance.

"This stretch of road has a loading restriction barring drivers from stopping there at all, and this is in force 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

"In his appeal to Medway Council, Mr Johns admitted that he stopped outside the sorting office in this way and that is why we found against him."

"The council was unable to attend the parking adjudicator's hearing into this matter as we were only notified of it by email the afternoon before, giving us no time to arrange for an officer to be available."

"The adjudicator normally gives the council notice of about a week, so we can prepare for a hearing."

"However, we are always happy to respect and abide by the adjudicator's decision as that is why we pay for an independent adjudication service."

# Careers service's budget fears

PROPOSED cuts to a vital career guidance service will be "devastating" for less academic youngsters struggling to find work in Kent and Medway.

The coalition Government has already slashed the budgets of Connexions branches throughout the country, and managers are fearful of even bigger reductions when the Comprehensive Spending Review is published on October 22.

Medway Youth Trust – the Medway branch of Connexions – lost £100,000 from its £2.1 million budget this year, resulting in recruitment and salary freezes as well as several other cutbacks.

Business manager Jon Paton said: "At the moment we've been able to protect most frontline services, but October 22 is D-Day for us, because we are fearful of a big cut that could cause serious damage."

"I would suggest that for the less-qualified young people, the greater

the impact will be. If you're somebody who has missed out on getting five A\* to C grades at GCSE then the chances are you're going to need someone to tell you what courses are available or to fight on your behalf to get you into college."

According to figures released this month by the Trades Union Congress, Medway experienced the largest increase in youth unemployment in the country, at 158 per cent.

### Devastating

Unison regional organiser Simon Bolton said the Conservatives had let the people of the towns down again, pointing to the mass unemployment caused by the Thatcher-enforced closure of Chatham dockyard in 1984.

"It's going to have a devastating effect on the Medway area," he said. "The coalition promised they wouldn't hit frontline services, but what is more frontline than support for young people?"

"Connexions is an absolutely vital service, especially if you're a 14 or 15-year-old with no idea what to do with yourself."

"If you cut career guidance, then what chance are you giving them for the next decade?"

"It's madness. Where are the workers of the future going to come from?"

According to Unison, the number of 16- to 24-year-olds classed as NEET (not in employment, education or training) has risen by almost two per cent nationally since the last quarter, to 36.1 per cent.

The Kent branch of Connexions has regional offices in 11 towns throughout the county, with its funding currently protected by the dedicated schools grant reserve.

A spokeswoman said some reduction in funding was expected from 2011 onwards, but that both Connexions and Kent County Council would seek to "preserve continuity of services".



# DIY store arsonist sent to jail to protect public

■ BY JOE BILL

AN ARSONIST who started fires in DIY stores across Kent has been sentenced to four years in prison for public protection.

Benny Joe Dighton, formerly of Chelmar Road, Chatham, pleaded guilty to attempted arson with intent to endanger life at a B&Q in Maidstone, B&Q Larkfield and intent to damage property at Homebase in Aylesford.

The 28-year-old was caught on CCTV at all of the stores during the first bank holiday weekend in May this year.

On sentencing at Maidstone Crown Court, Judge Jeremy Gold said: "You pleaded guilty due to painstaking police work. It is drugs that have brought you to the situation you find yourself in today. These are serious matters. You do indeed present a significant risk to the public."

On Saturday, May 1, just after midday, the fire brigade was called to the Homebase Store on the Quarry Wood Industrial estate in Aylesford after a fire broke out.

It took 90 firefighters and 17 fire engines 42 hours to extinguish the blaze, which destroyed the building.

A little more than an hour later, members of staff at the B&Q store in London Road in Larkfield had to put out a fire which had been caused by someone setting packaging alight.

Then on the following Monday, May 3, staff were alerted to a customer behaving suspiciously at the B&Q store in Barker Road,



**WRECKED:** The Homebase store in Aylesford which was destroyed by fire, and inset, arsonist Benny Dighton

Maidstone. They found the preparation of a fire in a wood aisle, which had been covered in methylated spirits. Fortunately the fire had not been started and members of staff immediately reported the incident to police.

The CCTV footage at the store showed Dighton there at the time of the incident and he was arrested later that day.

Further investigation revealed Dighton had been caught on CCTV in both the vicinity of Homebase and B&Q at the time of the fires.

Detective Inspector Ian Rogerson, who led the investigation said: "This was one of the busiest weekends of the year for home improvement shopping, so it is a miracle that no one was seriously injured or killed in these arsons."

"The damage that did occur, plus the disruption to shoppers and the stores themselves was

significant, so I am pleased that the courts have recognised the danger Dighton presents to the public and he will no longer be at liberty to do anything like this for some considerable time."

Kent Fire and Rescue Service have also welcomed the sentencing of Dighton.

John Robertson, one of the incident commanders on the day of the fires, said: "This was a ferocious fire which demanded the use of crews and equipment from all over the county."

"However, thanks to the Homebase staff, who quickly and efficiently evacuated the building, no one was hurt and, due to the skill and tireless efforts of those fighting the fire, damage was mostly limited to the store itself."

A sentence of four years for public protection means that Dighton will serve four years before being able to apply for parole.

## Mortgage conman faked documents to get hold of cash

A MORTGAGE fraudster who used false documents to get his hands on £180,000 has been jailed for 10 months.

Ben Tanton, of High Ridge, Gillingham, gave grossly inflated income details and a bogus accountant's certificate in order to convince Mortgages Plc to lend him the money.

The 25-year-old was arrested in November 2009, after an investigation into his finances. A small amount of cocaine was also found at his home.

He was sentenced for fraud and drug possession at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday, September 23.

The court heard how on June 5, 2007, Tanton received a money transfer from GMAC-RFC Limited for the purchase of a property in Gillingham for £149,150.

Tanton had said that he had an annual income of £35,000 in 2007 and his partner had a basic income of £16,000.

Four weeks later, Tanton received £180,000 from Mortgages Plc for the purchase of a property in Chatham, saying his income was £46,113 in 2006 and providing an accountant's certificate.

Investigation showed that Tanton's earnings were considerably less than stated and the accountant's certificate was a fraudulent document.

Judge Charles McDonald handed the fraudster a 15-month jail sentence but reduced the term by a third in recognition of Tanton's early guilty plea.

Passing sentence, Judge McDonald said the fraud was a "sophisticated criminal act which necessitated a custodial penalty". The first fraud was taken into account and kept on file.

Detective Constable Geoff Cloke of Kent Police's Serious and Organised Crime unit said: "Kent Police will now seek to recover any benefits from his fraudulent activity through a Proceeds of Crime Application."

## Craggs resigns

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE reimbursement. "It's disgraceful," he said. "They have treated voters with contempt. They should have checked his eligibility. This has cost taxpayers thousands and the Tories should pick up the tab."

Mr Craggs said: "I have served as a special constable for 17 years. In the hope I could expand my community service, I stood as a councillor. I didn't believe there was any conflict and was unaware regulations prevent anyone from holding office while serving in the police."

"After the election I was made aware by Kent Police that the law prevents me serving both as a special constable and a councillor."

"Over the past two weeks I have been working to see if an alternative was available. Unfortunately, the situation is such that I cannot continue both as a councillor and as a special constable."

Fellow River ward councillor Craig Mackinlay said: "David took advice before standing and was given the all-clear. Some MPs are specials and magistrates are unrestricted. Labour forced this by-election with the resignation of Bill Esterson and petitioned for it - we did not cause the election."

A Kent Police spokesman said: "It's important that policing is politically impartial. We are pleased Mr Craggs will now be able to continue as a special constable."

Returning officer Neil Davies said another by-election would be held within 35 days.

## German pilot's hunt for rescuer recalled

A MOVING wartime tale of a fallen German fighter pilot and the teenage girl who saved his life will be recounted later this month - 70 years to the day after it took place.

Severely-injured pilot Ernst Poschenrieder feared for his life after an angry pitchfork-wielding mob closed in on him at Broomhill, Strood, after his Messerschmitt ME109e was shot down on September 30, 1940.

After dragging the 29-year-old clear of his ruined aircraft, there were allegedly calls from some of the villagers to hang the young pilot.

His life was saved by land army girl Sarah Kortwright, 18, who stepped between Ernst and the baying mob, protecting him until the police and Home Guard arrived.

They then marched him off to hospital and later transferred him to a prisoner of war camp.

Ernst never forgot Sarah's kindness and after the war hatched a plan to track her down to say thank you for saving his life.

He even returned to Strood in 1955 in a bid to find the woman who had rescued him.

Historian Odette Buchanan will reveal whether Ernst and Sarah were reunited at a Battle of Britain



**DRAMA:** The crashed Messerschmitt

talk at Strood Library on Thursday, September 30 - 70 years after the pair's memorable meeting.

The Friends of Broomhill secretary said: "This is an extraordinary local episode at a time of intense fury, when Britain's freedom hung in the balance and invasion seemed imminent."

The talk will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £4 or £3 for members of Friends of Broomhill.

Call 01634 718231 or email odette\_buchanan@yahoo.co.uk to reserve your place.

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# Recovering addict died after mixing prescription drugs

A FORMER heroin addict from Rochester died in his home after accidentally consuming a lethal mix of prescription drugs, an inquest has been told.

At a hearing at County Hall, Maidstone, Coroner Roger Sykes ruled that Andrew Hussey, 40, of Snipe Court, Strood, died accidentally after poisoning himself with methadone and a mixture of other drugs, including the anti-depressant Citalopram.

Police were called to Mr Hussey's residence on Wednesday, January 6, following concerns from his family.

Upon entry to the flat they found him lying on the floor in the hallway, where he is thought

■ BY DAN COLOMBINI

to have been dead for some time.

Mr Hussey, a former musician, lived alone in his one bedroom flat and was said to be doing well in his recovery from heroin addiction. His last visit to his GP was in November last year and it was revealed he had not taken the drug for more than a year.

A number of empty bottles of methadone and alcohol were discovered in his living room.

Toys thought to belong to his eight-year-old daughter were also found scattered across the room.

Following the post mortem, pathologist Dr David Rouse found that Mr Hussey had not taken a significantly high level of methadone

but found a variety of other substances in his system, including Diazepam and alcohol.

Dr Rouse said: "The amount of methadone in Mr Hussey's blood was not significantly higher than that of someone on his prescribed dose. However it is always a problem when you take a cocktail of drugs – especially with alcohol."

After hearing the statements made by Dr Rouse and the police Mr Sykes said he was satisfied that Mr Hussey had not committed suicide but rather had fallen foul to the combination of drugs in his system.

He concluded: "Andrew Hussey died as a result of an accident in conjunction with his prescribed methadone. In these circumstances the conclusion I have come to is accidental death caused by mixed drug poisoning."

## Serial sex offender jailed for 18 years

SEX offender Ronald Falvey, who carried out a series of horrifying attacks over a 15-year period, has been jailed for 18 years.

The 49-year-old, of Speedwell Avenue, Chatham, was found guilty on 23 charges – 17 counts of sexual abuse ranging from indecent assault to rape, and six counts of physical abuse including child cruelty – at Maidstone Crown Court.

The court heard that between 1992 and 2007, Falvey, pictured, subjected five victims to both sexual and violent abuse.

He had denied all charges but was found guilty on Monday, August 16, and sentenced a week later.

Leading the investigation, Detective Constable Nichola Johnson, said: "Falvey continuously subjected his victims to despicable and degrading treatment."

"The victims have remained strong throughout the trial and I hope it provides them with a satisfactory conclusion."



## DEL BOY'S CAR'S THE STAR

DEL Boy looks set to pay a visit to Medway when his famous three-wheeled van calls in at the Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre.

The iconic Regal Reliant, from much-loved sitcom *Only Fools and Horses*, will be on display as part of the Festival of Transport next weekend, and will not be the only famous vehicle paying a visit.

The time-travelling DeLorean from Hollywood blockbuster *Back to the Future* and the original Chitty Chitty Bang Bang from Ian Fleming's classic film of the same name are also coming to town. Motor fans will also get the opportunity to win a ride in the car from the 1968 film starring Dick Van Dyke.

The event will close with a classic motor show on Sunday. Enthusiasts will be able to view an array of vintage, kit and custom cars in the Green car park.

The Festival of Transport runs from Friday, September 10 to Sunday, September 12, and is organised in association with Kent Air Ambulance. For details visit [www.hempsteadvalley.co.uk](http://www.hempsteadvalley.co.uk)

## HMS Cavalier in line for top award

A WORLD War Two destroyer now standing as a memorial to the 11,000 sailors lost at sea is up for a National Lottery award.

HMS Cavalier, which received lottery funding for its £1.5 million restoration at Chatham Historic Dockyard, has reached the final stage in the category of best education project.

The awards will be announced live on BBC One next Saturday during the National Lottery's Big Night

show, hosted by Doctor Who star John Barrowman.

Alec Cheyney, ships volunteer at the Historic Dockyard, said: "Reaching the finals has been an incredible experience and has really helped us to raise our profile within the local and wider community."

"Lottery funding has allowed us to undertake the restoration of this monumental ship, which is now a valuable educational tool for young people as well as a

memorial to the many men who lost their lives on the destroyers throughout World War Two.

"The recognition we will receive from the BBC is an amazing opportunity. We're all so excited."

As well as national recognition, the winner of each category will get £2,000 cash prize to spend on the project.

The National Lottery's Big Night is on BBC One next Saturday at a time to be determined.

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**LOTS TO SEE:** The 14th Century chapel overlooking the River Medway includes rare furniture by Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson, as detailed inset

## Take a peek inside bridge chapel

AN HISTORIC chapel will open its doors to the public next week as part of the Heritage Open Days celebrations.

Rochester Bridge Trust bosses are inviting visitors to take a tour inside their 14th century chapel, which overlooks the River Medway.

Built by Sir John de Cobham, of Cooling Castle, the chapel is one of just six bridge chapels still standing in the country. It was used by travellers and pilgrims to pray for a safe journey.

The building houses a range of fine furniture, including rare pieces made by Robert

'Mouseman' Thompson as well as paintings and prints of bridges that have spanned the Medway over the centuries.

Guided tours of the staircase and the Bridge Chamber will be held every half hour for visitors to see the collections of Georgian furniture and historic clocks.

The chamber also features bridge and naval paintings and a pencil sketch by JMW Turner.

The Trust's chapel and chamber will be open from Thursday to Sunday, September 9-12 from 10am to 4pm each day.

For more about the trust visit [www.rbt.org.uk](http://www.rbt.org.uk).

# Cancer unit marks year of treatment

■ BY DAN COLOMBINI

THE Macmillan Cancer Care Unit celebrates its first anniversary today – marking a successful year that has seen the treatment of nearly 2,000 patients.

Since opening its doors, the new facility has also played host to more than 9,000 potentially life-saving treatments and become a vital part of Medway Maritime Hospital.

The project was funded by Medway NHS Foundation Trust, which pledged £3 million towards its building costs.

It was also supported by an 18 month appeal from staff, local businesses and the community.

Together they raised another £1m to contribute to the unit that has been designed to ensure all patients' needs are met.

Jacqueline McKenna, director of nursing, said: "This unit has really brought the community together in a way that I've never seen before.

"We saw such amazing involvement and generosity from people in trying to get the unit built and it has only continued since we opened.

"Our patients, staff and supporters have continued to work tirelessly throughout the year with fundraising events that have included a sponsored bicycle ride of 38 miles and a canal towpath walk from Little Venice in London to Coventry.

"All monies raised are shared between many charities and organisations that in turn support a wide variety of cancer needs.

### Positive attitude

"We've also tried to encourage the community to have a positive attitude towards the cancer pathway.

"We have visited schools to talk to the pupils and invited them to the unit – indeed we have been presented with wonderful artwork by the children of Byron Road Primary School to display on our walls.

"I'd like to say a huge thank you to the tireless work provided by our diligent, reliable and excellent team of volunteers who help on a regular and consistent basis to provide the warmth and care that is needed

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Take a tour of the year-old Macmillan Cancer Care unit

throughout the unit when our patients enter the doors."

The Medway Macmillan Cancer Care Unit has both an inpatient facility, which provides care and treatment for 19 patients and an outpatient facility, which caters for chemotherapy patients in a day-care setting.



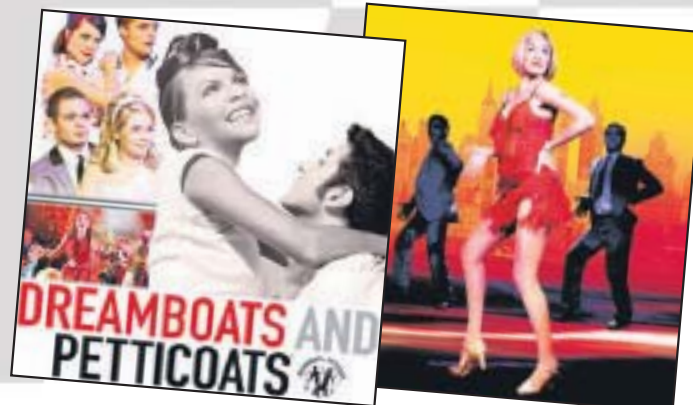
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### BECKY NOCK



**Q** What is your role at the Rock School?

**A** My primary role at the Rock School is keyboard tutor, but I also created and run the school.

**Q** How did you become involved in school?

**A** We started because I didn't think there were enough rock- and pop-based music lessons running in the area that incorporated both learning an instrument and playing in a group. I had the idea one day to start up these classes, learnt how to make websites and started advertising. I then found a suitable venue and it went from there. I was happy with the number of applicants we received so early on, it gave me the confidence to know that this was something that people want to be a part of.

**Q** What is the main aim of the rock school?

**A** The primary aim of the Rock School is for the students to gain a good understanding of how to play their chosen instruments (guitar, bass, drums or keyboard). We give them all the teaching they would normally receive in a regular music lesson, but because we run for an hour a class we also spend half an hour learning and playing songs together as a band. This helps the students work and play together early on in their musical learning. We also offer them the opportunity to take grades. We

run the Rockschooll Syllabus, which is a widely recognised pop music grade, and gives the same UCAS points as ABRSM.

**Q** What is the best part of your role?

**A** The best part of my role at the school is seeing the students' progress. The highlight so far was our end-of-term gig, where the students showcased their new talents to their family and friends. They played four or five songs each on the night and it was a great success for our first concert. We also raised £160 for Demelza House in the process, which gave all the students a great sense of achievement.

**Q** What is your instrument of choice and how long have you been playing?

**A** My instrument of choice is the piano. I've been playing since I was about eight. The main reason I started the Rock School is that I didn't enjoy learning as a child and gave up early in my teens. I was never inspired by the lessons I had, it wasn't until I went to music college when I was 17 that I really started playing again, and went on to do my degree in music. The lessons we had there were very band-based and we learnt in groups, which I found really improved my playing ability. I just made the classes from my own experience, from what I would have liked to do if I had the chance.

**Q** Who inspires you and why?

**A** I have been inspired by many different people over the years. My main inspirations are my parents. They are definitely where I get all my ambition from! Musically my current main inspiration comes from the greatest piano player in the world, Jon Cleary. He came from Kent and is now one of the best pianists around. If I'm half as good as him when I'm that age, I'll be happy.

**Q** Have you had any particularly outstanding students that you can see going on to be superstars?

**A** All our students were amazing at the end-of-term gig. However, there is one student that stood out the most to us, especially as I was going through the photos. Connor Harris has that star quality, and definitely wins the prize for most colourful shoes.

**Q** What are your interests outside of the school?

**A** Being a musician means you don't have a lot of time for other hobbies, which suits me fine as music is my number one hobby. I like to travel and see new places. I love history, nature, skiing and just seeing different cultures and eating all their food! My parents live in Singapore, so I regularly get to travel to South East Asia. I would love to be able to incorporate travel with music and tour, my next stop is New Orleans!

**Q & A**

Dan Colombini talks to Becky Nock, the keyboard-playing creator of Medway's Rock School, about her musical inspirations, finding star quality and why she loves teaching youngsters the art of Rock 'n' Roll.



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## Thief walks out of high street gallery with two pictures

TWO PAINTINGS valued at nearly £2,000 have been stolen from an art gallery in Rochester.

The pictures, both depicting steam engines, were taken from the Francis Iles Gallery at around 1pm on Tuesday, August 17.

The theft came to life after a vigilant shopkeeper confronted a man as he left the shop carrying two pieces of artwork.

However, he fled the scene after being stopped in the street.

The thief has been described as 55 to 60 years old, 5ft 8in tall, medium build, with long grey hair tied back in a ponytail. At the time he was wearing a black trilby hat, a black three quarter length leather jacket and a white t-shirt with black trousers and shoes.

Detective Constable Amanda Neimer said: "The paintings belonged to the artist, who is obviously very keen to get them back into her possession."

"It was a busy time of the day in Rochester, so we believe someone must have seen this man leaving the shop after the paintings were stolen."

"We would like to hear from anyone who saw a man matching the description as we would like to speak to them about the incident."

It is thought the paintings may appeal to rail enthusiasts and are priced at £900 and £950.

If you have any information about the incident please contact Kent Police in Medway on 01634 792537 quoting crime reference number DY/013020/10. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# Public praised for huge Pakistan flood donations

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A PAKISTAN-born MP has praised the British public for its generosity in helping flood victims as donations topped a staggering £30 million this week.

MP Rehman Chishti's comments came as the head of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) said British people's kindness was "shaming politicians around the world".

Brendan Gormley, chief executive of DEC, admitted further funds were needed, but said the UK was leading the way in donations.

Mr Chishti, who represents Gillingham and Rainham for the Tory party, echoed Mr Gormley's sentiments, saying the plight of those in Pakistan had highlighted the kindness of the UK during international crises.

He said: "We saw it with the tsunami and the Haitian earthquake and we're seeing it again. The UK Government has given one of the largest donations – second only to the US – which shows how this country always supports those in need."

The floods are the worst to hit Pakistan in decades, claiming the lives of more than 1,500 and leaving around 20 million homeless. There are fears water borne diseases could lead to illness and more deaths as the country waits for aid.



ALL SMILES: President Asif Ali Zardari and Rehman Chishti during the leader's controversial visit to Britain

Mr Chishti's praise of British generosity came just weeks after the controversial visit of Pakistani leader Asif Ali Zardari, who came under fire for going ahead with his trip to England as his people tackled the disaster.

The president, who is the widower of Pakistan's assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, to whom Mr Chishti was a former aide, met with four Pakistani parliamentarians, including the Gillingham MP.

Other Labour MPs, however, boycotted the meeting, with one, Khalid Mahmood, MP for Birmingham Perry Barr, saying Zardari's visit showed "indifference to his own people".

But Mr Chishti told KOS Media it was a matter for the president to decide whether he carried out the visit during that time.

Mr Chishti added: "He wanted to speak to Pakistan MPs about the situation with the flooding and national security among other international issues."

The 31-year-old, who was born in Pakistan, has family back in his home country.

"My grandfather and other relatives died in the Kashmir earthquake in 2005, but my family have not been affected by the floods," he said.

"There is a great humanitarian need and I would ask the British public to continue with their generosity. The UN said this is the worst flooding it has seen in Pakistan. We all have to help one another in the international community."

Across Kent, residents have been pulling out all the stops for the flood appeal.

Canterbury-based artist Shaukat Khan is offering his entire studio collection of floral paintings to raise money for Unicef's Pakistan Flood Children's Appeal. He is calling on the community to bid generously for the collection until September 23 at [www.khanart.co.uk](http://www.khanart.co.uk).

Acclaimed executive chef Dev Biswal, of The Ambrette restaurant in Margate, is holding a series of fundraising pop-up cookery demonstrations, see [www.theambrette.co.uk](http://www.theambrette.co.uk) for details.

Christian group Blythwood Care, in Strood, has sent donations for Buckets of Love, which consist of a bucket filled with practical items for people devastated by the disaster.

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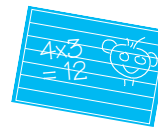
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■ BY DAN COLOMBINI

THE NERVOUS wait for thousands of Medway teenagers finally came to an end last week as their GCSE results arrived – bringing jubilation to many.

After two years of hard work, students from across the area flocked to their respective schools, where amongst teachers, parents and friends; they discovered the fate that awaited them.

Results were positive from most schools in the area, some of which were awash with A\* grades, sparking joyous scenes from some pupils, who will now move on to the next exciting chapter in their lives.

There was particular cause for celebration at Gad's Hill School, with every student achieving an A\* to C grade in at least five subjects.

David Craggs, headmaster, said: "I am delighted with this year's GCSE results and that we continue to maintain the high standard that we have achieved over the last few years. Congratulations to all our students and also to our members of staff."

The Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School in Rochester also showed some impressive statistics with nearly 81 per cent of youngsters awarded three or more A\* grades, giving rise to some excellent individual performances.

#### Success

The school's average points score, an indicator of general student success this year stands at 565, a rise of nearly 10 per cent from last year. 30 per cent of youngsters also avoided any grade lower than a B.

Dr Gary Holden, headteacher, said "I am delighted for all our students. These results are a just reward for their hard work and that of their teachers. We committed ourselves to increasing the number of top grades this year and have done so. All of our students should be very proud."

Standards continue to rise at the Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School, where they have announced that 61.5 per cent of their youngsters achieved five GCSE grade A to C. A 10 per cent rise from last year.



**CELEBRATION:** Rainham School For Girls (above) once again celebrated an improvement on previous year's GCSE results, as did Gad's Hill School (right), where every pupil achieved an A\* to C grade in at least five subjects



# Pupils celebrate as GCSE pass rate hits new heights

It is a remarkable turnaround for the school which was placed in Special Measures only a year ago.

Dr Peter Clough, chair of governors, said: "These are record results for the school. It marks a turning point in our fortunes, with a clear trend of rising standards. However, we are not complacent; these results are a platform for even greater success in the future."

It was a bitter-sweet day at Rainham School for Girls, where there was once again an improvement from the previous year. Amidst the celebrations however, the girls said a fond farewell to headteacher Jacqueline Dunn, who is retiring after eight years at the school.

She said: "I've had mixed feelings about retiring but now I am looking forward to it. Particularly, spending time in the gar-

den and enjoying my Arsenal season ticket.

"I've had a fantastic eight years at the school, and I leave with a great sense of satisfaction at seeing the girls go on to achieve their ambitions."

Students are now left with the all-important decision of whether to stay on at sixth-form for their A-levels, move on to college or take their first steps into the world of work.

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## YOUR LETTERS



## Students are worthy of high praise indeed

Well done all the youngsters who did so well (again) in their A-levels and GCSEs.

I think they should all be proud of themselves; it is an achievement and today's competitive school and work environment makes it all the more important for them to be congratulated.

Celia Jenkins, by email

## Don't despair if you failed to make grade

I would just like to congratulate all the youngsters who have passed their exams. This is an important time in their lives and decisions made now will help set them on the path to adulthood.

I was a teacher for more than 30 years and sometimes worry that the pressures on our young are too great. So, for those who have done well congratulations and consider carefully your future options, whether it be university or college.

For those who did not do so well, do not despair. There are many options that can set you back on the path to academic success, and if you are more practically minded investigate the opportunities offered by the colleges.

Remember, there are many graduates still working in fast food restaurants, but you never meet a plumber or the owner of a hair-dresser who is poor.

Charles Wramplington, by email

## Celebrity golf day's just par excellence

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone along to Biddenden's Chart Hills Golf Course this weekend.

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Dean Headley, by email

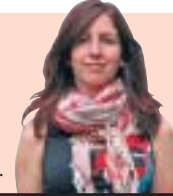
## Blogger's bias misses point of university

I would like to take issue with your blogger Gary Wright's dismissal of university education last week.

While appreciating fully his thoughts that with so many people

## yourblogger

Florence Tennent offers the Prime Minister's new baby daughter some advice on her name...



SO, in case you missed several days of 24-hour rolling news coverage, PM David Cameron has named his new daughter Florence Rose Endellion Cameron.

Endellion after the Cornish village where the couple were holidaying when 6lbs 1oz Flo popped out a month early on August 24. No one seems to know why Rose, and the best guess for Florence so far is Mr Cameron's professed fondness for the band Florence and the Machine.

Being a Florriebunder myself I was asked what advice I could offer to our newest celebrity offspring.

My relationship with my name has been stormy to say the least, with a 13-year-old Floflo announcing to her bemused classmates that from now on they could call her Crystabel (that's how much I liked it).

Two main points had driven my teenage self to this point of nominal suicide. Firstly, there were two stock responses to the name, either an "Ooh, where's your lamp?", in reference to the ubiquitous Victorian nurse Florence Nightingale, or a chorus of The Magic Roundabout's discordant circus theme tune.

At the time I summed up the general perception of Flossie as 'Great Aunt Flo-ism'; Flo-jo hit the peak of its popularity in Victorian times and to most people Florencia was the name of a grandmother or other elderly relative. Unfortunately for me, this was particularly well portrayed by Little Britain, which ran a skit

featuring two cross-dressing 'ladies' Florence and Emily (Emily is my middle name, I kid you not).

The other problem with my name was the total lack of cool nicknames, the truly worst example being Flofie Wofie which amused my friends so much they kept it up well beyond its sell-by-date. Even Flo was an issue after giggling American kids informed me this usually referred to a woman's monthlies.

But, dear Florence Cameron, don't despair. Your naming is proof that, as I have claimed for several years, Florence is coming back.

My first indication came when another Florence joined my school. I realised not only had I secretly enjoyed being the only Florence, but perhaps there were more Florences out there. The advent of Facebook confirmed my suspicions; hundreds of thousands of Flos signed up to a group called "So your name is Florence too?" and shared their nickname woes.

Government statistics backed us up when Florence crashed back into the charts in 2008 as the 94th most popular baby girl name in England and Wales.

Finally our big moment came when Florence and the Machine, a band fronted by the charismatic Florence Welch, dented the top 50 music charts in 2009. At last, a famous Florence we could be proud of.

Now the PM's got a Florence, I'll admit I was worried everyone was going to want one. But I'm proud I get to be one of the forerunners of the Florence comeback, making Flo cool for future generations. Welcome aboard Flossie C, we need all the help we can get.

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## Wright on the button of higher education

Yourblogger last week Gary Wright hit the nail on the head with his criticism of much of university life in the 21st century.

I have just finished three years at a university with a 2:1 in political history. I enjoyed it – my three years away from home I mean.

When I went there it was new, but I did spend too much time partying and staying in bed and relatively little time studying or attending lectures.

It has made me the man I am today and I, like thousands of others, am searching for a way to earn a living.

I am back with my parents, I have a huge debt (somewhere around £15,000) and my parents have not got the money to bail me out.

Most of my friends worked part time. I tried it, but it thought it was too much like hard work. I was wrong and now wish I had tackled the whole thing slightly differently.

On reflection I think governments are right to make graduates pay for the education they have received.

But far from maming people, consider their options more carefully; all that encourages is a head in the sand attitude and the belief that it will all come out right in the end.

I'm not sure it does – and I think a lot of graduates like me may well feel the same.

George Webster, by email

## Act could energise councils' budgets

If the new Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Chris Huhne is true to his word then every town hall in Kent and Medway could become a mini power station.

The energy minister has announced plans that will allow councils to install renewable energy power units such as wind turbines, solar panels and other forms of natural energy power and to feed the power into the National Grid for a cash return.

The money generated could be used to limit council tax increases.

Kent Green Party welcomes this move in principle.

The legal ban on councils supplying electricity imposed in 1976 was absurd.

Removing this barrier would mean that each council in Kent and Medway would no longer have to work through other organisations to generate power, but could now press on directly with developing money saving schemes.

Several councils have already developed renewable energy schemes that can generate more than 600,000kwh of wind, tidal or solar energy locally, but the present Local Government Act prevents local councils from selling electricity not produced alongside heat.

Kent Green Party is concerned

that Mr Huhne's proposal may be watered down after lobbying from the energy companies who fear real competition.

Prior to 1948, local councils producing gas and electricity was a common sight in England.

There is also a general problem of scarce funds for such investment given excessive cuts already imposed upon and planned for local government.

Phil Granger, West Malling

## Rural 'stitching' is in need of protection

Hedgerows are one of the most iconic features of the English landscape and it's important we do everything we can to halt and reverse their loss and degradation.

Our survey shows that the Hedgerows Regulations have made a positive difference, but it also makes clear improvements can, and should be made.

Local authorities have shown that, given the opportunity, they will protect these wonderful examples of our rural heritage.

It's over a decade since the introduction of the Hedgerows Regulations and the time is ripe for the new government to make improvements that will give local authorities the power they need to better protect the great diversity of England's hedgerows.

Hedgerows are the vital stitching in the patchwork quilt of the English countryside.

Some pre-date Agincourt and others bedstride earth backs built more than 4,000 years ago by Bronze Age Britons.

They lend beauty and character to the landscape and provide many wider environmental benefits, including important habitats for a wide range of wildlife species.

It is a criminal offence to remove an important hedgerow, with fines of up to £5,000.

However, as management of hedgerows has declined, many are being lost not only to removal, but as they degenerate into lines of trees and shrubs.

They are particularly important within areas of intensive farming, and for the survival of widespread, but declining species which are dependant on woodland edge, scrub or rough grassland habitats.

As ready-made corridors for wildlife to move through the landscape, they should be a critical tool in the landscape-scale conservation of our natural environment that the new Government wants to see.

However, regulations on their own, even with the improvements we would like to see, will not do enough to protect our hedgerows for future generations.

We also need ministers to continue funding Environmental Stewardship Schemes that give landowners an incentive to preserve ancient hedgerows.

These could be put at risk if cuts to Government spending fall in the wrong place.

Emma Marrington, rural policy campaigner for Campaign to Protect Rural England



# Rescue charity's after change to dog breeding law

A MAJOR overhaul of animal laws is necessary to help banish Britain's stray dog problem, claims a Kent rescue charity.

David and Heidi Anderson, of the Dover-based Chancepaxies, have launched a petition calling for a 'fit for breeding' legislation to regulate breeders of all levels and ensure they are not dumping their dogs when the going gets tough.

They claim the problem of stray dogs will be eradicated within ten years if the Government implements their idea, which has so far earned the backing of more than 500 people.

"There is legislation already in place to control farm animals and fishing, and to prevent you dumping your fridge or your car, so why not dogs?" said Mrs Anderson.

"Dogs, unlike children, do not grow up and become responsible for themselves. If you choose to bring puppies into the world, you must retain some responsibility throughout that dog's life."

According to a 2007 report commissioned by the RSPCA and the World Society for the Protection of Animals, only 30 per cent of European countries – including the UK – do not

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

enforce compulsory licensing for dog breeders.

And of the eight European countries deemed to have good stray control, all have legislation in place for the breeding and selling of pets.

The Andersons are also breeders of champion Dobermanns and say those willing to breed animals should also be willing to rescue them, too. "If you won't rescue, don't breed," said Mrs Anderson.

"It would be good to get people to realise there is a big difference between responsible and irresponsible breeders.

## Legislation

"A responsible breeder should always take back a puppy, for whatever reason, throughout that dog's life, and always be there for help and support if needed. This change in legislation is needed to introduce a sensible solution.

"Thousands of people are admitted to hospital every year with dog-related injuries, millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is spent every year on stray dogs, and thousands are sitting



**ACTION NEEDED:** Heidi and David Anderson would like to see the Government tighten current breeding regulations

alone, unwanted and abandoned."

Mrs Anderson added: "This legislation will also uncover the falsification of pedigrees that allows banned breeds to be re-introduced into the UK for fighting and intimidation of the public.

"This can all change if the breeding of dogs is controlled."

Just over 500 people have already signed the Andersons' petition, but they want 10,000 before it is submitted to Parliament.

• Visit [www.chancepaxies.com](http://www.chancepaxies.com) and click on the 'fit for breeding' tab to add your name.

## Abandoned mum and pups highlight problem

POTENTIAL dog owners are being urged to think twice following an increase in the number of greyhounds being abandoned in Kent.

The appeal comes from the Rochester-based Greyhound Rescue West of England (GRWE), which took in and rehomed 763 dogs last year, compared to 513 in 2008.

But the worrying increase in dumped lurchers could swell that figure to as much as 1,000 this year, including greyhounds no longer wanted after their racing careers are over.

Kent regional homing officer Janet Lindsay highlighted the case of a saluki cross called Suri, spotted tied to a fence outside a dog pound weeks after giving birth. Two days later a box containing her eight puppies, all of which were in an appalling state of neglect, was dumped outside a nearby veterinary surgery.

All nine animals narrowly escaped being put to sleep and were instead placed into the care of the charity.

Mrs Lindsay said: "Both Suri and her pups are in a poor condition, suffering from sarcoptic mange which is so itchy it is causing them quite a bit of distress, leaving their skin broken and raw."

GRWE is run entirely by volunteers. Already overwhelmed with the number of dogs in kennels and foster care, and a growing waiting list, emergencies like this put further stress on a charity that relies solely on donations from the public to carry out its rescue and re-homing work. GRWE currently has about 80 dogs in its care, including 21 puppies. To offer a home to one of the dogs or to help the charity financially, visit [www.grwe.com](http://www.grwe.com) or call 07000 785 092.

Meanwhile, the Retired Greyhound Trust is also appealing for new owners as its kennels in Meopham, contain more than 40 dogs with nowhere to go.

Spokesman Ivor Stocker said: "Greyhounds make fantastic pets. When they leave the track they turn from speed machines into docile couch potatoes who love to loll around and get fussed over. All they want is a loving family or owner to look after them."

Call 01474 815273 for more information.

## THE MAGIC OF BEING CLOSE TO BIG CATS

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## LIVE & LOCAL

### Duo play jazz evening

TWO great musicians join forces for an evening of jazz in Rochester this week.

Acclaimed saxophone player Derek Nash will be performing at the Good Intent along with guitarist Dave Colton at 8.30pm on Friday. Admission is free, but please support the raffle.

Find out more online at [www.coljazz.webs.com](http://www.coljazz.webs.com).

### Panto needs dancers

YOUNG dancers are invited to star in the Central Theatre's pantomime.

Auditions for Jack and the Beanstalk take place at the Chatham theatre at 2pm on Sunday, September 12. Anyone aged eight to 15 can apply. Auditions are free and there is no need to register.

To find out more email [ali@evolution-productions.co.uk](mailto:ali@evolution-productions.co.uk).

### Manor's comedy night

ENJOY an evening of laughter when the Comedy Club returns to Bridgewood Manor in Chatham on Friday.

Joe Bor, Ninia Benjamin and headline act Steve Day will be providing the giggles for over-18s from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £22.95 including a two-course meal and disco. To book, call 01634 201333 or visit [www.hahaheehee.com](http://www.hahaheehee.com) for details.

### Musical mirth show

MORE comedy is on offer at the Exchange Studio in Maidstone tonight when two top comics pay a visit.

Andy Robinson has supported Jo Brand on tour and incorporates music into his act. Danny Ward will also be in the show, which starts at 8pm.

To book, call 01622 758611 or visit [www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk](http://www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk).

### Enjoy a Javajam jam

EMBARK on a musical journey when Javajam performs at Pizza Express in Maidstone on Friday.

With Roger Lewin on piano, Phil Brown on sax and flute and the rhythm section of John Willis and Steve King, the band performs popular standards.

The show starts at 8pm. To book, visit [www.pizzaexpresslive.com](http://www.pizzaexpresslive.com).

### Engineers' museum trip

LEARN about the Army with a trip to the Royal Engineers' Museum, Gillingham.

Maidstone Museum is organising a guided tour but transport to the venue is not provided. The event starts at 11am next Wednesday and is suitable for over-16s.

For more details, visit [www.museum.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.museum.maidstone.gov.uk) or call 01622 602838.

### Regrade rock the Bell

ROCK band Regrade will be performing at the Lower Bell in Aylesford this weekend.

The five-piece group will play at the pub in Chatham Road at 9pm on Saturday. Hear their cover versions online at [www.myspace.com/regrade](http://www.myspace.com/regrade).

For details about the venue, call 01634 861127 or visit [www.lowerbell.com](http://www.lowerbell.com).

# Claire's got that look on her face

## TELL ME ON A SUNDAY

Saturday, September 11  
Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone



CLAIRE Sweeney stars in the musical about romantic misadventures, *Tell Me on a Sunday*.

Billed as the definitive version of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's musical, the show has been reworked for this year's tour and includes an exclusive new song, *I Still Believe in Love*. The original score also features *Take That Look Off Your Face*, which became a hit single for its original star, Marti Webb.

When an ordinary young woman from London sets off for New York City, she is full of excitement and optimism about both her career prospects and her romantic future. Early on in her American adventure, she tells a friend that she will never allow her career ambitions to harden her, nor will she ever become a manipulative user of men.

But when she discovers shortly afterwards that her boyfriend has been cheating on her, Emma finds that love will be just as hard to find in the Big Apple as anywhere else in the world. As she embarks on her quest for true love, she will learn some hard lessons about romance and her own moral character.

*Tell Me on a Sunday* was originally written with television in mind, with Andrew Lloyd Webber composing the music and Don Black providing the lyrics. Marti Webb, who was at that time starring in *Evita* in the theatre, was cast as their heroine and the show was first performed at the Sydmonon Festival in 1979. Buoyed by its success, Lloyd Webber decided to revisit the idea of a television success and the show went out on the BBC in January 1980.

The broadcast resulted in high ratings, critical acclaim and a number-two album, so the writers were keen to get the one-act show into the theatre. But the project was shelved until 1982, when it was finally teamed with a ballet piece, to create the show *Song and Dance*. Webb reprised her role in the one-woman show, before Gemma Craven, Liz Robertson and Sarah Brightman also took on the part.

With the help of lyricist Richard Maltby Jr, an American version was created for Broadway three years later and Bernadette Peters won a Tony Award for her turn as Emma. A 2003 revival in London starred Denise van Outen, who won the role after Lloyd Webber saw her perform *Take That Look Off Your Face* at the Royal Variety Show. Webb returned to the role once again in both the West End and a national tour, while Faye Tozer and Patsy Palmer also appeared at some venues.

Claire Sweeney shot to fame as Lindsey Corkhill in the long-running Channel 4 soap opera *Brookside*, appearing first as a minor



character and then returning to become a key figure until the show was axed in 2003. Her appearance on *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2001 won many new fans and she went on to land the role of Roxie Hart in the London production of *Chicago*. Her musical theatre career has continued to blossom, alongside work as a television presenter and recording artist.

Performances start at 5pm and 8pm and tickets cost £20. To book, call the box office on 01622 758611 or visit the website at [www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk](http://www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk).

*Tell Me on a Sunday* can also be seen at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, on September 21 and 22, and at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on October 25 and 26.





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## HALFWAY TO PARADISE

Saturday, September 4, Orchard Theatre, Dartford

FANS of Billy Fury can revel in his life and music when a toe-tapping celebration comes to Kent.

After 14 years on the stage, Halfway to Paradise – the Billy Fury Story is still delighting audiences with its musical tribute to the iconic star. Fury's own band plays his unforgettable hits, with the voice of impersonator Colin Gold bringing the much-loved songs to life.

When two members of the band – keyboard player Charlie Elston and drummer John Raynor – spotted Gold performing as Billy on TV talent show Stars in Their Eyes, they knew

they had discovered somebody special. Alongside Chris Raynor on lead guitar and vocals and Graham Wyvill on bass guitar, they have been rocking the aisles of theatres all over the country.

Over the first few years, the original show changed into something very different and became Halfway to Paradise, telling the story of how a shy boy from Liverpool became a huge rock star.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £19.50, concessions available. To book, call 01322 220000 or visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).



## MEDIEVAL MERRIMENT

Saturday, September 4 & Sunday, September 5  
Rochester Castle Gardens

TRAVEL back in time and see Rochester Castle Gardens in its heyday this weekend.

From knights in shining armour to fire-breathing monks, visitors will be immersed in living history as the castle becomes a huge medieval encampment.

The free Medieval Merriment weekend brings the past back to life in entertaining ways with living history displays that depict life from Anglo-Saxon and Norman times, right through to the 15th Century.

Entertainment includes a thrilling fire-breathing display

by the Brothers of Conflagration and music from Sweete Harmonie, a female medieval singing group.

Other attractions include birds of prey, cookery, minstrels, storytellers and crafts. There will be archery displays and battles, along with crafts, games and stalls to browse.

The event runs from 11am to 5pm both days and entry to the gardens is free. Admission to the Castle Keep costs £5 for adults, £3.50 for children and concessions and £13.50 for families. For details, call 01634 338141.



## MARTIN HARLEY

Friday, September 23,  
Village Hall, Hunton



MUSICIAN Martin Harley is quite literally on the road with his innovative brand of blues and roots.

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of charity Sustrans' National Cycle Network, Harley will be following the route and performing 27 shows along the way. He will cycle 1,200 miles over 31 days and stop off to play his music in community spaces all over the country, from Newcastle to the Eden Project in Cornwall.

This environmentally friendly tour sees Harley performing at rural venues, along with the larger theatres he usually visits. This week he visits Kent and fans can follow his progress via a blog and video diary on his website.

This epic tour will seem rather tame to Harley, who has already gone to some staggering lengths to perform in unusual places. He has ridden a motor-bike across Mali in Africa in search of traditional musicians to jam with and also broke the record for the world's highest ever gig in 2005. This remarkable concert took place above Mount Everest base camp, 5,545m above sea level.

To find out more, visit [www.bluesgonegreen.com](http://www.bluesgonegreen.com).



Picture: ANJUS COWAN

## LEEDS CASTLE DINE & SLEEP

Friday, September 17, Leeds Castle, near Maidstone



GUESTS can party in truly sumptuous style by dining and sleeping at the Castle of Kings.

Next month you can experience true glamour as the castle turns back the clock to recreate the heady days of 1930s decadence. Former owner Lady Baillie was known for her lavish celebrity parties and now you can attend a Hollywood House Party at the 12th-century castle.

Complete with butler service, the party provides a rare chance to revel in this beautiful setting. Guests will be greeted with cocktails and a guided tour of the castle, before sitting down to a five-course meal, accompanied by wine from the castle's Norman wine cellars.

A pianist will provide entertainment over coffee in the drawing room and guests who have chosen to stay overnight will retire to one of the castle's bedrooms.

The Hollywood House Party costs £115 per person for the evening only and from £215 to include overnight accommodation. To book, call 01622 767813 or email [hospitality@leeds-castle.co.uk](mailto:hospitality@leeds-castle.co.uk).

There will be another chance to dine and sleep at the castle when the Autumn Glory Dinner is held on Wednesday, October 6.



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## SAM BAKER

Monday, September 6  
Breeze Bar, Maidstone



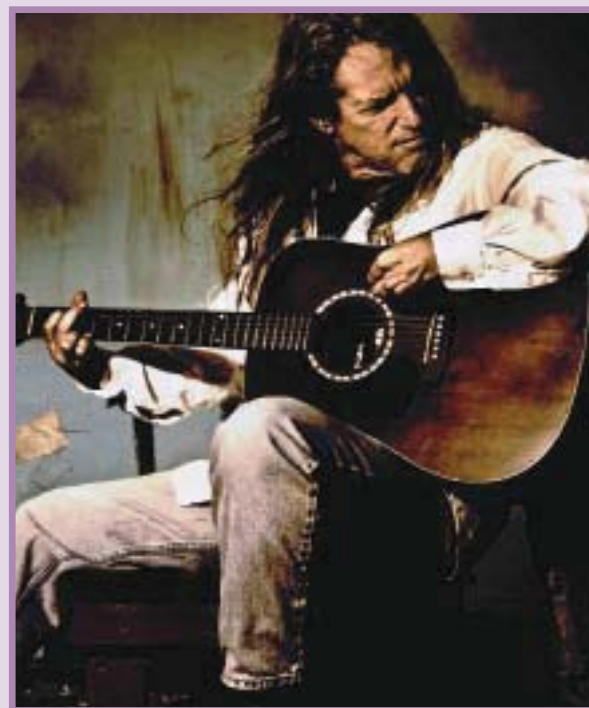
THE aptly titled Maverick Live plays host to a highly acclaimed storyteller when Sam Baker performs next week.

Considered a maverick in the world of music, the singer-songwriter from Texas has nothing but disdain for commercialism. A former bank employee, he turns his gift for moving lyrics and sparse yet complicated arrangements to good use on his new album, Cotton.

Baker was 50 by the time he recorded his debut album Mercy, but his life was turned upside down in 1986 when he was seriously injured during a train attack by Peruvian guerrillas. Although he survived the bombing, he was left with deafness, a badly injured hand and leg and brain damage affecting his speech and memory.

It took many years to recuperate, in every sense, but Baker refused to give up his music career. He learned to play guitar with his left hand and continued to sing his musical stories, despite the damage to his vocals.


Baker will have instrumental backing from producer Tim Lorsch. Tickets cost £13 in advance or £15 on the door. To book, call 01622 744481.





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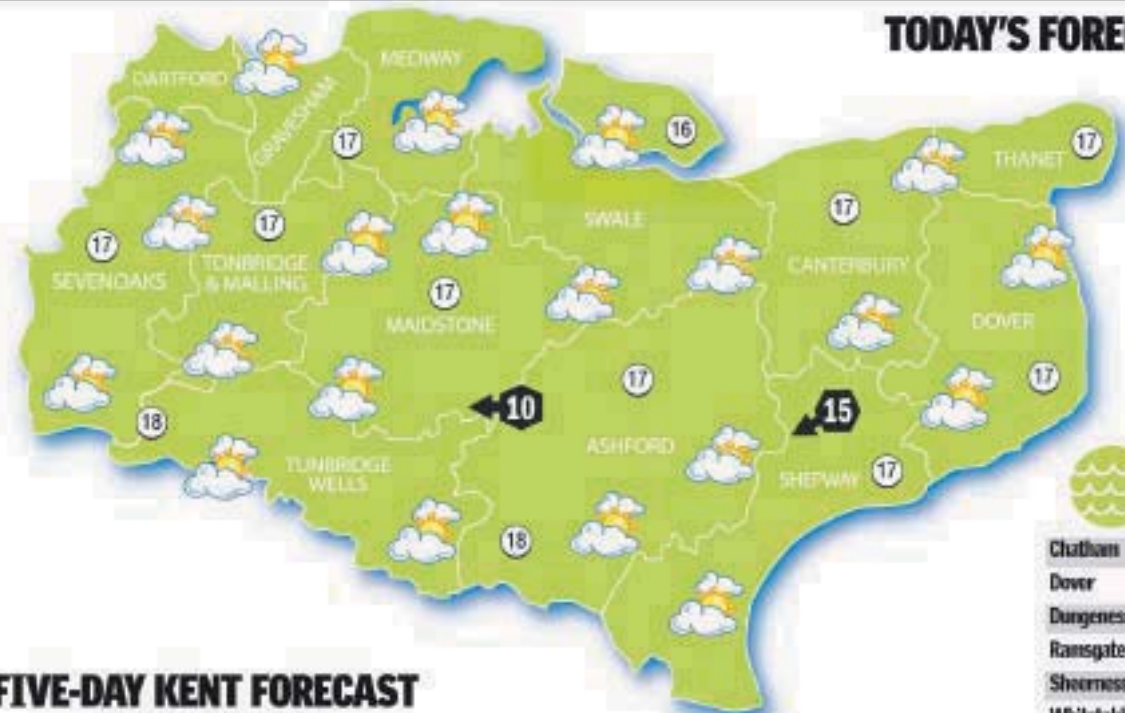


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Dungeness	Saturday	7:32am 6.0m	Sunday	8:55am 6.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:12am 4.0m	Sunday	9:36am 4.3m
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# Michael Cera Vs. the same geeky youngster role in a feel good film

ONE man's quest for love could result in a little more than a broken heart in Edgar Wright's video game-styled comedy based on the graphic novels by Bryan Lee O'Malley.

A blitzkrieg on the senses from the opening frames, *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World* will appeal to young, techno-savvy audiences who live through their joypads and remotes.

Sound effects produce elongated on screen captions like BEEEEEEEEPP and when the characters fight, their blows land with a mighty THUD or KAPOW.

Editing is frenetic, though thankfully the action sequences don't reduce to an incomprehensible blur, complimented by a loud, rocking soundtrack.

Scott Pilgrim (Michael Cera) is the 22-year-old bass guitarist with the band Sex Bob-omb, which also includes guitarist Stephen Stills (Mark Webber), drummer Kim Pine (Alison Pill) and lifelong fan Young Neil (Johnny Simmons), who knows all of the band's songs and riffs by heart.

The eponymous strummer doesn't enjoy a roaring success with girls and to stave off the loneliness, he begins dating 17-year-old Chinese Catholic schoolgirl Knives Chau (Ellen Wong). Gay roommate Wallace Wells (Kieran Culkin) is horrified and immediately sends a text to Scott's sister Stacey (Anna Kendrick), who tries and fails to reason with her little brother.

Then Scott meets the girl of his dreams, Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), and is instantly smitten.

They share a night together and everything seems perfect, apart from the small matter that Scott has neglected to tell Knives he is going to dump her.

During Sex Bob-omb's first round performance at the Toronto International Battle of the Bands, Ramona's ex-boyfriend Matthew Patel (Satya Bhabha) challenges Scott to a duel to the death.



**YOUNG LOVE:** Michael Cera and Mary Elizabeth Winstead star in the latest teen romp that sees Cera playing exactly the same character he always does once again

"If we're going to date, you might have to defeat my seven evil exes," Ramona reveals.

So the plucky musician must face Lucas Lee, Todd Ingram, Roxy Richter, the Katayanagi Twin and record label supremo Gideon Graves.

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World is an entertaining romp with a snappy script littered with choice one-liners ("If your life had a face, I'd punch it!")

The stylised digital effects are very cute at

first like the little meter that appears on screen when Scott visits the toilet, and gradually empties as he relieves himself.

However, the bombardment lasts for almost two hours and by the end of the film we feel almost as exhausted as the characters.

Cera plays the same role, yet again, albeit with a bass guitar in his hand, and Winstead does her best not to crack a smile as the girl with a knack for dating bad guys.

Just like the end of a video game, when the

player gets a Continue? option to insert more coins, Wright's film concludes with a countdown to more potential adventures with Scott and the gang.

These two hours are sufficient.

**SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD**   
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**ALMOST OVER:** Josie was the final winner of the regular Big Brother shows



## YOUR TV REVIEW

**BIG BROTHER:** Channel 4, 9pm

**BIG Brother is finally over. Forever.**

But in the pantomime world of reality television there is room for one last feeble cry of "Oh no it isn't!"

Big Brother is back, again, in a last hurrah for a genre that has become firmly embedded in the spirit of the early 21st century. Just when we were watching the final, prepared for this to be the last time we voyeuristically gawped at people we didn't know and didn't particularly like, Channel 4 decided we hadn't quite had enough.

This time addicts will only have to endure three weeks of what has been billed as Ultimate Big Brother. Housemates with celebrity status either of their own or dubiously daubed on them by the programme itself will battle it out in a televisual

**BY JENNY ARMSTRONG**

goldfish bowl to be crowned the best contestant ever.

Despite being the epicentre of reality television, Ultimate Big Brother has a hint of unreality about it. People whose real lives have been massively affected by the show are back in one of the strangest situations imaginable.

The producers have sent in Chantelle and Preston with their typical amorality. For the uninitiated, the pair met on Big Brother, fell in love, got married and then divorced less than a year later.

Amongst the usual mix of neuroses Channel 4 has thrown everyone from the seemingly normal Ulrika Jonsson and 'Nasty' Nick Bateman, who can't be that bad really, to the likes of

Nikki "Who is she?" Grahame and multi-platinum rapper Coolio.

But despite this, at the end of an era, it all seems a bit different. Everyone seems stunned, as if the spell has finally broken and they have realised they are a strange bunch of people in a bizarrely decorated house where they have to do what they are told because they have a camera pointed at their heads.

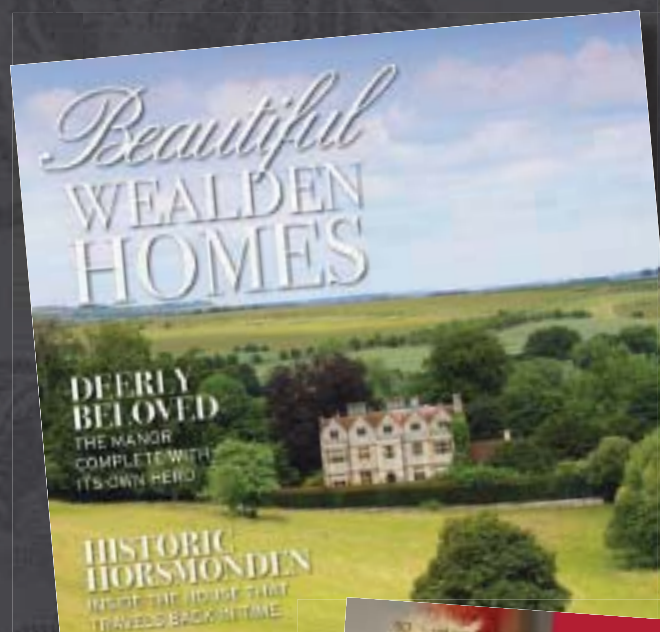
So what have we learned from what started out as an Orwellian social experiment into human nature? That people will forfeit their dignity if promised fame and fortune. That, in an oppressive situation, people will conform. That people will watch anything.

And perhaps we have learned that, after three weeks of grace, reality TV will soon be dead. Hopefully we have learned it is time to move on.



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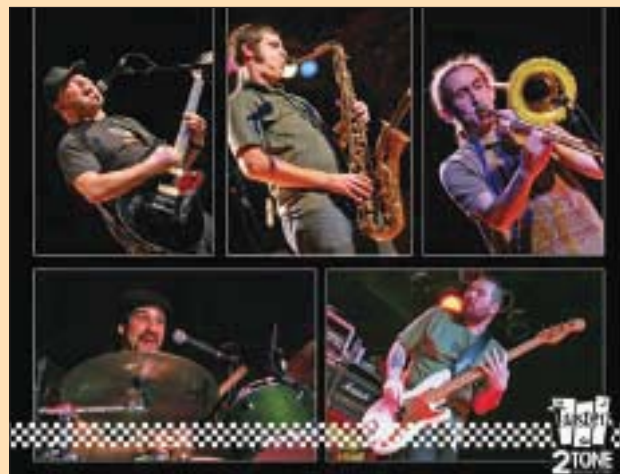


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# yourmusic

## Talent at The Forum



**LEGENDARY:** Three decades of great music arrive at The Forum this week

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SKA legends The Toasters will pop up at The Forum this Friday as part of the band's 200-date 2010 world tour.

The celebrated New York seven-piece – led by frontman Robert 'Bucket' Hingley – are thought to be the longest serving US ska outfit, having burst onto the scene in 1981 and stayed there ever since.

During their 29-year recording/touring career the band has released nine studio albums and played to sell-out crowds across the globe.

Despite enduring numerous line-up changes over the years, the band's raw, live energy remains the same.

Support on the night comes from Tyrannosaurus Alan, Broken Union and Run Leia Run.

Tickets cost £10 in advance and £12 on the night.

Forum bosses have lined up a whole host of talent to play at the Tunbridge Wells venue throughout the month, starting tonight (Wednesday) with Paint in Black, Blacklisted, Broken Teeth, Light-bringer and more.

Tomorrow sees Philadelphia Grand Jury, Sister Mantos, Goodluck Jonathan and Flexability perform.

Entry costs just £6 and is worth that alone to see Los Angeles-based electro prodigy Sister Mantos, aka Oscar Santos, take to the stage.

Sister Mantos wowed Kent crowds during an impromptu five-minute performance at the Lounge on the Farm two years ago with his wondrously unique one-man show.

Definitely worth a view.

Saturday sees The Ruskins, In Mono, Romanian Stray Dogs and Marathan play with Doors Alive, a The Doors tribute act, playing the following night.

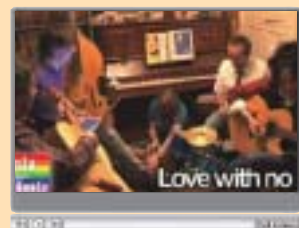
New Device and MG and the Juggernauts will make Forum appearances on Monday, Sept-

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**MUSIC FESTIVAL:** A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm



**BAND PRACTICE:** Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



### TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Craig Sheridan – Times Change (from Deal)
- 2 Shelta – We Can Make It (from Bexley)
- 3 Ron Bowdery – The Return of Alfred E (from New Eltham)
- 4 Cristlefridge – Unbreakable (from Whitstable)
- 5 Stereohype – Invaders Must Die (from Deal)

ember 13, followed that week by Citay and The Naming of Things on Thursday, 16, and Off With Their Heads, Dissociates and Melchett, on Friday, 17.

Dogs, The Onlookers and The Deccas are next up on Saturday, September 25, with A Loss For Words, Not Advised, LYU and Loose Cannons rounding the month off on Thursday, September 30.

For more information on The Forum visit [www.twforum.co.uk](http://www.twforum.co.uk).



**BREATHTAKING:** The iceberg lagoon, Jokulsarlon, is an incredible – and wholly unspoilt – natural phenomena worth seeing

## yourgetaways

# The land of fire and ice, and breathtaking unspoilt beauty

■ BY DANIELLE DWYER

“ORDER the puffin”, the waiter suggested politely as I dithered over the extensive menu on my first evening in Iceland.

I didn't have the guts – quite literally – so I stuck with the salmon, but I was the only one eating it in our group. The others indeed opted for smoked puffin – and gave it rave reviews. As for my fish, caught the very same day from a river running past the restaurant, it was perfect.

The adventurous menu marked the beginning of what was to be an action-packed four-day trip.

We took in spectacular glaciers, a bubbling volcano, tumbling waterfalls and rolling fields. The landscape is striking, albeit curious and bleak in places.

It is impossible to forget that Iceland – nicknamed the land of fire and ice – is a country of extremes.

Volcano enthusiasts can drive to Eyjafjallajökull from Reykjavik along Route 1 – a journey of roughly 70 miles. It is also possible to fly over the volcano as we did, an experience well worth an afternoon if weather conditions permit.

But there is so much more to Iceland than lava and ash.

Iceland, situated just south of the Arctic Circle, is home to a population of 300,000. Roughly half that number live in the capital, Reykjavik, and its neighbouring towns in the southwest.

Corrugated iron-clad buildings, many painted in pastel hues, lend a picture-postcard backdrop to Reykjavik – where Icelanders regularly party right through the night.

### FACT FILE: ICELAND

<b>Time difference</b>	- One hour (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Reykjavik
<b>Language</b>	Icelandic
<b>Population</b>	318,000
<b>Currency</b>	Icelandic krona
<b>Religion</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church

Danielle Dwyer was a guest of Discover The World, which offers six-night self-drive holidays in Iceland year-round from £808 per person. The Arctic Edge package includes Icelandair flights ex-Heathrow, B&B hotel accommodation, including the luxury Hotel Rangá and car rental. Reservations: 01737 218 800 and [www.discover-the-world.co.uk](http://www.discover-the-world.co.uk).



By day, the city's atmosphere is casual and relaxed, with a dress code to match. By night, the stilettoes come out and the bar crawls commence, lasting into and beyond the early hours. But Reykjavik has more to offer than its vibrant nightlife.

In the daytime it is pretty and peaceful, with just enough bustle to create an atmosphere.

The capital is small enough to explore by foot, and wherever you are in the city, you are never far from a decent coffee and a spot to sit down and people-watch.

Reykjavik is also an ideal base from which to explore the rest of the country. About four buses leave the city each day for the Blue Lagoon, where you can share the locals' fondness for outdoor bathing by plunging into mineral-enriched waters at a breathtaking 38C.

The Jokulsarlon iceberg lagoon, on the south side of Vatnajökull, is a must-see.

The lagoon is a sprawling lake of glacial meltwater into which huge icebergs have floated, having broken away from the glacier.

The fact that such an inevitably popular spot has been left exactly as nature intended is striking.

Except for the unobtrusive boat that chugs through the lagoon, there is nothing. No fast food chain to cash in on the scores of tourists flocking through the area, no souvenir store, no ticket booth.

And the same can be said about hundreds of Iceland's natural wonders.

Our guide tells us that Icelanders want to keep it that way – unspoilt – and it is certainly worth a visit while they do.



## MOTORS NEWS



### Lexus gives IS facelift to take on rivals BMW

UNDERRATED in a sector dominated by BMW's 3-Series, the Lexus IS has had a major facelift.

Significantly, Toyota's luxury brand now also has more ammunition against BMW's big-selling 320d diesel version in the company car sector – the old IS220d makes way for the IS200d, offering cost/tax savings through better economy and emissions. Exterior styling has also been honed with new lights and a revised front grille, giving the car a sleeker look, with prices unchanged (from £24,350).



### A1 option allowing you to downsize with style

AUDI'S eagerly awaited baby, the A1, now has a firm UK arrival date – November.

Prices will range from £13,145-18,280 and advance interest globally in this premium option to downsize, means Audi is already talking about upward revision of production targets.

Three high efficiency yet eco-friendly engines will be offered, featuring direct injection, turbocharging and start-stop plus BMW-style energy recovery braking.

Two units will be petrol – the 1.2 TFSI, the 1.4 TFSI – plus be a 1.6 TDI diesel.



### One final turn for rotary star as production ends

MAZDA has chosen to end UK sales of the innovative RX-8 rotary-engine sports car.

Less than 100 highly-specified R3 versions of the revolutionary four-seat/four-door coupé are left in UK stock.

The car was amazingly practical while the light and low slung rotary engine also made it a well-balanced and a popular drive, though some would-be buyers were wary of the engine technology.

Kent-based Mazda UK has priced the car at £25,540 for the run out, with tempting finance packages.



STILL 'BEARING' THE BRUNT: Fiat's much-maligned Panda is still the marvel it was seven years after its launch when it was awarded European Car of the Year status

# Fiat shows its support for Panda conservation

## ROAD TEST FIAT PANDA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Of course, it looks spartan inside and I would want the split folding rear seats that come with dearer versions – to complement the van-like cargo options – but it still has electric front windows, CD sound system and two-speed power steering that allows easy parking.

Lightly-laden, the Panda can be firm and fidgety, but it's a fun drive and an average of nearly 60mpg, group one insurance and trifling road tax – zero in year one – gives more to grin about.

And there's the car's triumph of ergonomics – a high-mounted gearshift beneath where the hand falls naturally off the steering wheel.

But the five-door Panda is compact, so rear legroom is not great and the boot is small when the seats are in place, but this city car is still a marvel seven years after launch, when it was European Car of the Year.

As our man on Kefalonia confirmed, it has a reputation for reliability too, helping to restore faith in Fiat after some dark days on the quality front.

There is talk the current car will be replaced next year, but don't be surprised if it's no more than a thorough facelift.

Remember... don't fix it, if it ain't broke.



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ANTARA										2010	10	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395		
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2007	07	Antara CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Metro blue	20,000	11,995			INSIGNIA & SIGNUM									
2008	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995			Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£		
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ASTRA										2009	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	21,995		
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2006	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,495			MERIVA									
2007	07	Astra Energy CDTi	1.3D	5	Ultra blue	15,485	7,495			Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£		
2007	07	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Flame red	42,700	6,995			2006	06	Meriva Active E/T	1.6	5	Metro blue	33,225	5,995		
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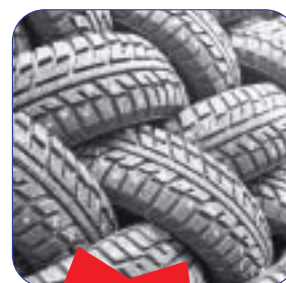
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## PROPERTY NEWS



**EVOLVING:** Planning rules change for our villages

### Villages given chance to grow under new ruling

NEW planning rules could change the way Kent's villages grow and see them evolve in a different way, according to property consultants Smiths Gore.

The Community Right to Build proposals, which were outlined earlier this summer by the coalition Government, aim to give communities the power to develop new homes with greater autonomy, allowing them to proceed without a specific planning application.

This would still oblige them to meet minimum criteria for development to local authorities, which may include strong local support, meeting environmental targets and making sure it does not expand the size of the community too rapidly.

Steve Briggs, planner and partner at Smiths Gore, said the proposals should make things easier and may return Britons to the policy of bygone years, when villages evolved more or less naturally.

"One would like to think that, in the long term, the positives will see local people staying within their local communities rather than being forced to look for homes in urban areas on account of economics," he added.

### Lure of being beside the sea is on the increase

THE UK is seeing increased demand for coastal housing, according to Waterside Properties.

Peter Halliday, managing director of Waterside Properties, said the south of England has some "excellent options" for househunters who long to be by the sea.

"Most of the people that buy are buying for a lifestyle move; they are selling up their family home and moving down to the coast," he said. "That is still happening in reasonable numbers."

Mr Halliday went on to say that while properties by the coast tend to attract higher prices, they are still subject to the same forces of supply and demand and have neither risen nor fallen substantially in value in the past two years.



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**WARMING TO THE IDEA:** Having an energy-efficient home does not necessarily mean having to spend a lot of money and can be a massive benefit when the time comes to sell

# Benefits of an eco-friendly property are hitting home

■ BY NICK AMES

HOMEOWNERS are becoming more environmentally aware and this is being reflected in the purchases they are making, according to a leading manufacturer of kitchen products.

Also new research has found that to ensure a house is as energy efficient as possible does not mean spending large amounts of cash.

And experts say the long-term benefits can be huge in the shape of lower-energy bills as more heat is retained inside the home.

Alison Coleman, marketing manager for Magnet, was speaking after the company launched its range of ECO worktops, which are made from recycled and eco-friendly materials.

The worktops are composed of "recycled consumer waste such as mirror, porcelain sinks,

baths and tiles, and from industrial waste such as ash from power plants and stone scrap from quarries and workshops," she said.

Santander Mortgages reported that first-time buyers spend an average of £3,782 on kitting out their new homes.

Some 43 per cent of first-time buyers spend their first £1,000 on sofas and armchairs, followed by beds and kitchen appliances.

However, around half a million choose pleasure over practicality, putting a large proportion of their cash towards a house-warming party.

There area also a number of quick and easy ways for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their properties, which may in turn make them more attractive to buyers in the future.

Gordon Miller, sustainability and communications director of Sustain, said proper insulation does not cost much and is supported by government grants.

"Before you even think about trying to generate electricity or hot water, make sure that the home is properly insulated," he commented.

For buyers, purchasing an eco-friendly home will not necessarily cost any more than it would to buy a conventional home, Mr Miller added.

Last month, the Energy Technologies Institute revealed a new £3 million project to design a supply chain solution to improve the energy efficiency of the 26 million homes still expected to be in use by 2050. The project includes identifying ways existing properties can be retrofitted and stimulating demand for eco-friendly housing.

All these improvements can help to keep heat inside the four walls during cold snaps – meaning lower bills.

## Construction industry suffering from economic downturn

A RECENT drop-off in construction orders is bad news for the industry according to the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), after surveyors reported a fall in total construction workloads.

Figures from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors found

public housing and other municipal works were the worst-affected sectors, probably as a result of cuts in government spending.

Additionally, the latest Markit/CIPS Construction Purchasing Managers' Index shows UK construction activity

slowed to its weakest level in four months in July.

"Sadly, none of this is a total surprise as it reflects the feedback we have been getting from our members about the building industry suffering because there is less government money avail-

able for capital projects," said Brian Berry, director of external affairs at the FMB.

However, he went on to say the Government's Green Deal, which will see 26 million homes retrofitted, could potentially offer new job opportunities for builders.

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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent League Premier Division

Lordswood 1st XI v Tunbridge Wells 1st XI

AN IMMEDIATE return to Division One looks likely for Lordswood after they lost Saturday’s crunch clash with Tunbridge Wells by 50 runs.

Kevin Masters’ side were well clear of the bottom two at one stage, but no wins in their previous six games saw them slip to the brink of the drop zone.

They went into last weekend’s penultimate game of the season just one point ahead of Wells, but the defeat leaves them 14 points from safety with just one game remaining.

Rain reduced the game to 40 overs per side and Masters opted to bowl first after winning the toss. The hosts’ skipper struck first, bowling Leighton Morgan for 11.

Wells’ approach was patient and despite losing Alexander Williams (14) relatively cheaply, they held firm. When Lyndon Lockhart ran out Evert Bekker for 42 the game was in the balance at 113 for 4.

The visitors stepped on the accelerator in the closing overs, with Will Sticker hitting 45 from just 29 balls to help set a decent 188 for 5.

Needing victory to stay out of the bottom two, Lordswood did not make the start they would have hoped for. Their top order all departed without making a significant contribution as the hosts stuttered to 37 for 4.

Lockhart (38) and Chris Piesley (30) got them back into the game, but as the overs began to run out the scoreboard pressure proved too much as Lordswood slipped to a costly defeat.

It means to survive they must beat already relegated Gore Court this Saturday and hope Tunbridge Wells slip up against Sevenoaks Vine.

Lords’ loss in crunch clash leaves them facing drop



TOUGH: Lordswood are now favourites for the drop after they lost to fellow relegation strugglers Tunbridge Wells on Saturday

SCORE CARD

Tunbridge Wells 1st XI

	Runs
Leighton Morgan b Masters.....	11
Tom Elliott ct Williams b Greenwood.....	34
Alexander Williams c&b Piesley.....	14
Evert Bekker run out.....	42
Mark Smith ct Williams b Lockhart.....	35
Will Sticker not out.....	45
Richard Cutts not out.....	0
Fred Florry did not bat.....	
Chris Fenwick did not bat.....	
Chris Lawrence did not bat.....	
Simon Routh did not bat.....	

Extras (1b 3lb 3w).....	7
Total (5 wickets, 40 overs).....	188

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Kevin Masters	9	2	42	1
Matt Greenwood	9	0	43	1
John Williams	5	0	22	0
Chris Piesley	9	0	32	1
Jack Laraman	6	0	24	0
Lyndon Lockhart	2	0	21	1

Lordswood 1st XI

	Runs
Alan Pattenden ct Morgan b Fenwick.....	5
Paul Richards b Fenwick.....	3
Christopher Vernon c&b Lawrence.....	7
Peter Stock c&b Smith.....	12
Lyndon Lockhart lbw b Williams.....	38
Chris Piesley b Lawrence.....	30
Matt Greenwood ct Sticker b Lawrence.....	0
John Williams ct Cutts b Smith.....	16
Shaun Piesley b Florry.....	14
Kevin Masters b Fenwick.....	3
Jack Laraman not out.....	0

Extras (2lb 4w 4nb).....	10
Total (all out, 35.1 overs).....	138

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Chris Lawrence	8	1	28	3
Chris Fenwick	7.1	0	25	3
Fred Florry	9	1	28	1
Mark Smith	7	1	35	2
Alex Williams	4	0	20	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

High Halstow 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

A MISERABLE season for High Halstow reached rock bottom as they were crushed by ten wickets against Broadstairs.

The home side, already relegated, could only name nine players, six of whom were out for ducks in a farcical batting card. Opener Richard Laphorn was the only player into double figures as High Halstow were all out for just 24 in 13 overs, with Michael Ross picking up 5 for 10.

Broadstairs’ openers required just 17 balls to secure the most emphatic of victories to stay in second place.

High Halstow 1st XI

	Runs
Richard Laphorn.....	not out.....11
David Sibley.....	st Brennan b Ross.....7
Ashley Trigg.....	b Ross.....0
John Hatchett.....	ct Simpson b Kidd.....0
Steve Laphorn.....	c&b Kidd.....0
Miles Kember.....	lbw b Kidd.....0
Jamie Trigg.....	b Ross.....2
Oliver Kember.....	b Ross.....0
Rupert Staple.....	b Ross.....0
Extras.....	(1lb 1w 2nb).....4
Total.....	(all out, 13 overs).....24

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Michael Ross	7	3	10	5
Chris Kidd	6	1	13	3

Broadstairs 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Ross.....	not out.....19
Jack Benfield.....	not out.....7
Alex Hogben.....	did not bat.....
David Cooper.....	did not bat.....
Scott Narraway.....	did not bat.....
Neil Brennan.....	did not bat.....
Brian Simpson.....	did not bat.....
Chris Kidd.....	did not bat.....
Liam Narraway.....	did not bat.....
Oliver Frewin.....	did not bat.....
Allister Perrin.....	did not bat.....

Extras.....	(1w).....1
Total.....	(0 wickets, 2.5 overs).....27

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Rupert Staple	1.5	0	17	0
Ashley Trigg	1	0	10	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Blue Bell Hill 1st XI v Mersham Sports 1st XI

RELEGATED Blue Bell Hill produced their best result of the season as they beat champions-elect Mersham Sports by six wickets.

The visitors were put into bat and after a solid start their innings hit the buffers after Paul Fookes dismissed both openers. Mersham had won 14 of their previous 16 games, but struggled to score as they were all out for 110.

Opener Andy Bunker produced a match-winning innings in the reply, hitting 52 to get Blue Bell Hill close. Ian Hayward’s 31 not out finished the job to seal only the side’s second win of the campaign.

Mersham Sports 1st XI

	Runs
David Harman.....	b Fookes.....29
Dave Fagg.....	ct Patel b Fookes.....14
Alan Stevens.....	ct Patel b Hayward.....14
Rob Wilson.....	b Fookes.....6
Edward Booth.....	ct Bunker b Redmond.....1
Gavin Rogers.....	ct Hayward b Underwood.....12
Matt Wilson.....	run out.....5
Jack Wilson.....	b Hayward.....2
Dan Coulson.....	st Coney b Redmond.....1
John Southern.....	not out.....7
Kevin Wise.....	ct Rayfield b Underwood.....1
Extras.....	.....18
Total.....	(all out, 40.3 overs).....110

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
James Underwood	10.3	2	34	2
Paul Fookes	12	1	27	3
Ian Hayward	10	0	31	2
Neil Redmond	8	2	10	2

Blue Bell Hill 1st XI

	Runs
Andy Bunker.....	ct Southern b Rogers.....52
Leigh Short.....	lbw b Stevens.....15
Paul Fookes.....	c&b Stevens.....0
Ben Highsted.....	ct Wilson b Stevens.....5
Ian Hayward.....	not out.....31
Anay Patel.....	not out.....1
Neil Redmond.....	did not bat.....
Steve Sage.....	did not bat.....
Jon Rayfield.....	did not bat.....
James Underwood.....	did not bat.....
Michael Coney.....	did not bat.....

Extras.....	.....10
Total.....	(4 wickets, 42.1 overs).....114

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Rob Wilson	9	4	22	0
Kevin Wise	11	6	12	0
Alan Stevens	9	1	27	3
Jack Wilson	3	1	14	0
Dan Coulson	3	0	14	0
Matt Wilson	3	0	13	0
Gavin Rogers	1.1	0	8	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Rainham 1st XI v Wickham Park 1st XI

A CENTURY from Callum Mitchell was key as Rainham beat relegated Wickham Park by 45 runs.

Mitchell’s 105 came from only 112 balls, providing the hosts’ innings with a spine.

Josh Bench made a patient 46 in a useful combination with the centurion as Rainham finished on 210 for 6.

Kaveen Karunamuni struck three times early in Wickham Park’s reply to leave them in trouble.

Runs in the middle order frustrated Rainham’s attack for a while, but two wickets from Mitchell late on helped mop up the tail with three overs to spare.

Rainham 1st XI

	Runs
Stuart Chipperfield.....	ct Baker b Teare.....1
Josh Bench.....	b Amos.....46
Phil Bellars.....	ct Willis b Wilson.....12
Callum Mitchell.....	ct Malyon b Wilson.....105
Kaveen Karunamuni.....	run out.....6
Kevin Waters.....	ct Crowther b Teare.....18
Chris Small.....	not out.....10
Jordan Shersby.....	run out.....0
Luke Fewdsdale.....	did not bat.....
Jordan Mitchell.....	did not bat.....
Ben Haver.....	did not bat.....
Extras.....	(8b 1lb 2w 1nb).....12
Total.....	(6 wickets, 50 overs).....210

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Martin Crowther	13	4	40	0
Steve Teare	12	2	37	2
Iain Wilson	10.1	1	56	2
Adam Teare	7	0	35	0
Toby Amos	8	1	32	1

Wickham Park 1st XI

	Runs
Iain Wilson.....	ct Chipperfield b Karunamuni.....0
Gavin Malyon.....	ct Bench b Shersby.....8
Oliver Willis.....	b Karunamuni.....0
Oliver Willis.....	ct Shersby b Small.....39
Jeff Mascarenhas.....	ct Chipperfield b Karunamuni.....0
Martin Crowther.....	b Haver.....37
Toby Amos.....	run out.....57
Steve Teare.....	b Mitchell.....0
Rahul Govada.....	ct Bellars b Mitchell.....3
Mike Baker.....	not out.....0
Adam Teare.....	not out.....0

Extras.....	(1b 4lb 5w 1nb).....11
Total.....	(all out, 47 overs).....165

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Kaveen Karunamuni	8	3	15	3
Jordan Shersby	7	1	15	1
Ben Haver	6	1	24	1
Luke Fewdsdale	8	0	38	0
Chris Small	7	0	40	1
Callum Mitchell	5.3	1	18	2

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Frindsbury 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

FRINDSBURY moved up to fourth in Championship East after a comfortable 58-run win against Wye.

Sam Dudgeon was the only batsman on either side to master the tricky conditions, making a match-winning contribution of 66. Several of his team-mates chipped in with modest scores to get the hosts to 155 for 8.

Wye’s reply had only one partnership of any note as Frindsbury’s bowlers tucked in. Mark Gracey was the pick with 4 for 22, while Dudgeon and Selvin Fisher took two each as the visitors were knocked over for 97.

Frindsbury 1st XI

	Runs
Sam Dudgeon.....	ct Woodbridge b Elgar.....66
Mike Nock.....	ct Shannon b Elgar.....13
Robert Sait.....	ct Reed-Ashton b Secrett.....15
Selvin Fisher.....	ct Reed-Ashton b Secrett.....0
Ian Budd.....	b Woodbridge.....26
Samuel Gracey.....	b Woodbridge.....17
Adam Loynds.....	lbw b Elgar.....0
Laurence Cloughton.....	not out.....0
Chris Mumford.....	ct Reed-Ashton b Woodbridge.....0
Peter Elswood.....	not out.....1
Mark Gracey.....	did not bat.....

Extras.....	(6b 5lb 3w 3nb).....17
Total.....	(8 wickets, 46 overs).....155

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Mark Shannon	7	0	19	0
William Elgar	10	0	39	3
Keith Secrett	12	1	37	2
Stuart Wise	12	3	24	0
Alex Woodbridge	5	0	25	3

Wye 1st XI

	Runs
Giles Starley.....	ct Fisher b Mumford.....3
Stuart Wise.....	lbw b Fisher.....4
Jordan Reed-Ashton.....	b Dudgeon.....21
Nick Eve.....	lbw b Fisher.....19
Raj Mahadevaiah.....	b Dudgeon.....9
Alex Woodbridge.....	ct Elswood b Gracey.....9
William Elgar.....	ct Nock b Gracey.....0
Lewis Elgar.....	ct Fisher b Gracey.....5
Matt Barlow.....	run out.....2
Keith Secrett.....	not out.....2
Mark Shannon.....	lbw b Gracey.....0

Extras.....	(15b 2lb 6w).....23
Total.....	(all out, 30.2 overs).....97

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Chris Mumford	6	2	10	1
Selvin Fisher	6	0	25	2
Mark Gracey	9.2	0	22	4
Sam Dudgeon	9	1	23	2



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